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SENATOR CUDABACK: You are, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Good. That's all I'll ask Senator Stuhr then at this point. One of the difficulties for all of us is that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry. I'm sorry, but your time is up, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh) That's one of the difficulties.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I did want to share with you some of the supporters of this bill. The bill did come out of committee with unanimous support. We do have the State Board of Health, the Nebraska Medical Association, the Dental Association, Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department, law enforcement officials, practitioners. And I can tell you that I worked all day yesterday, meeting with practitioners from the surrounding area, also a number of phone calls, parents. Also the nursing...there is a liaison group of Nebraska nursing organizations and I was speaking with them last week and they had picked LB 906 as one of their priority bills for this session because of the importance that they felt that it had in finally coming to regulate this industry. And some of those groups, Nebraska League for Nursing, Nebraska Nurses of Association, the Nebraska Chapter of Pediatric Nurses, school nurses, State Council of Emergency Nurses are only a few of...I believe that there are around 20 different nursing groups that belong to this liaison group of nursing organizations. And I did want to also make a comment on the remark that Senator Bourne made about hepatitis. Earlier, I did pass out to you a sheet that tells a little bit about hepatitis C is the most common chronical viral infection in this country, and those at high risk are those, of course, that are drug abusers who share. But now a new risk has been